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MARCH 26-28, 1993



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The American First Day Cover Society
The American Topical Association
Empire State Postal History Society
Central New York First Day Cover Society
Fakes, Forgeries and Counterfeits Study Group
The Cover Collectors Circuit Club
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Friday - March 26, 1993

8-10 am	Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400
10:00 am	ROPEX 93 Opens
	Stamp Videos shown during the show in main lobby
10:30 am	APS Slide Shows - "Stamp Collecting: Your Key to the World" and "Stamp Collecting: Earning a Merit Badge in this Fascinating Hobby" - Genesee Room
11:00 am	Seminar: Computers and Philately - Lois Evans-de Violini- Exchange Room
NOON	Exhibitors' Luncheon - Barnaby's
4:00 pm	APS Slide Shows same as 10:30am (see above)
7:00 pm	Show Closes
8:00 pm	Arizona Philatelic Rangers dinner (No-host cocktails at 7:30) By invitation only
7-Midnight	Hospitality in Room 1400

Saturday - March 27, 1993

8-10 am	Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400
9:00 am	AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY SPRING MEETING - Genesee Room
10:00 am	Show Opens
11:00 am	Fakes, Forgeries & Counterfeits Study Group - Genesee Room
NOON	Chapter 53, Central New York First Day Cover Society Luncheon - Exchange Room
1:00 pm	APS Judging Seminar - Traditional - William Bauer - Genesee Room
1:30 pm	Chapter 53 Seminar - Exchange Room
2:00 pm	Winners of Youth Stamp Design Contest announced - Lobby
2:00 pm	A.A.P.E. Seminar - Ann Triggler - Genesee Room
2:30 pm	Chapter 53 CNYFDCS Business Meeting - Exchange Room
3:00 pm	Judges' Critique for exhibitors and the public - Genesee Room
6:00 pm	Show Closes
6:30 pm	Cash Bar before Banquet
7:00 pm	ROPEX 93 Banquet - Genesee Room - No Smoking in Banquet Room. Guest Speaker - Gordon Morison
	End of Banquet until Midnight - Hospitality in Room 1400

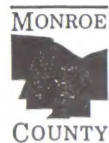
Sunday - March 28, 1993

8-10 am	Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400
10:00 am	Show Opens
10:30ish	The Marmalades - Show and Tell - Fairfax Room
11:00 am	A Guided Hands on Tour of Postal History Exhibiting - A service of the Philatelic Foundation presented by George Kramer and Pat Walker - Genesee Room
	Central Federation of Stamp Clubs - Fairfax Room
NOON	Cover Collectors' Circuit Club - Fairfax Room
1:00 pm	Empire State Postal History Society - Speaker - Dr. Louis T. Call Jr. in the Genesee Room
1:00 pm	International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors - Fairfax Room
2:00 pm	ROPEX 93 Closes - Take Down Starts - Only Dealers and ROPEX Personnel Allowed in Exhibition Hall
4:00 pm	

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*A Joint
Proclamation*



*Office of the Mayor
Office of the County Executive*

By these Presents, Greetings:

WHEREAS: The Rochester Philatelic Association will be sponsoring ROPEX '93 in Rochester on March 26 - 28 at the Holiday Inn - Genesee Plaza; and

WHEREAS: The RPA in its 80th year is hosting the Spring Meetings of the 57,000 member American Philatelic Society during this national exhibition and bourse; and

WHEREAS: the 25th Anniversary of the APS Champion of Champions is being commemorated here in the City where it originated; and

WHEREAS: internationally renowned specialists will be exhibiting their collections covering all aspects of philately to the thousands of visitors to ROPEX; and

WHEREAS: the RPA is honoring former Rochesterian Gordon Morison, former Assistant Postmaster of the United States Postal Service, for his foresight and contribution to the philatelic world.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Thomas P. Ryan, Jr., Mayor of the City of Rochester, and Robert L. King, Monroe County Executive, do hereby proclaim the week of March 22 - 28, 1993 to be:

STAMP COLLECTING WEEK

in Rochester and Monroe County, and urge all philatelic enthusiasts as well as the local community to view this assemblage of philatelic history.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands on the twenty-second day of March in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three.


Thomas P. Ryan, Jr.
Mayor


Robert L. King
Monroe County Executive



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March 26, 1993

Dear Friends - Fellow Collectors - and Interested Philatelists:

Welcome to our special celebration of stamp collecting - ROPEX 93 - and the celebration of 25 years of World Series of Philately and Champion of Champion Shows!

On behalf of the Rochester Philatelic Association, the ROPEX 93 Committee, and the City of Rochester, I take the privilege of extending this welcome and sincerely hope you will enjoy our show and your visit to Rochester.

We are especially pleased to welcome the American Philatelic Society for their spring meeting. We also welcome the various societies whose meetings are listed in the program - please try to attend some of the meetings, and stop at their tables for information.

We invite you to enjoy the exhibits, spend time with the post office representatives, visit the bourse dealers, browse, converse, and socialize. Stop at our hospitality table for conversation and information.

I thank you for your interest in attending the show and hope your experience will be rewarding. We hope to see you at future shows.

Sincerely,



Bernice R. Watson, President

THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION MEETS EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST. THE RPA IS PROUD SPONSOR OF " ROPEX ", A CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS NATIONAL STAMP SHOW.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS WORLD SERIES OF PHILATELY MARKS 25th YEAR AT APS SPRING CONVENTION AT ROPEX-93

How do you gain attention for a stamp exhibition in a medium size city that doesn't even have a philatelic show every year?

That question faced Rochester, N.Y., collectors after they decided their limited experience conducting regional stamp shows periodically for the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs would enable them to sponsor the annual convention and exhibition of the American Philatelic Society in 1968.

The answer was to do what had never been done before--bring together the most outstanding stamp exhibits in the nation, exhibits which had won Grand Awards at major shows that were considered national in scope. So was born the Champion of Champions World Series of Philately. Its 25th anniversary will be celebrated in Rochester March 26-28, 1993, when the American Philatelic Society stages its spring convention there to recognize the Rochester Philatelic Association and ROPEX for the creation of this World Series.

But the real stories surround why the 1968 convention went to Rochester and how the first Champion of Champions was able to achieve that distinction.

The Rochester Philatelic Association gained the 1968 convention for Rochester by doing something that was not the norm for organized philately before (or since). The association literally campaigned for it. It chartered two buses to carry members to Washington for the convention several years earlier when the decision on the 1968 convention site was to be made.

The Rochester collectors, in cooperation with the Rochester Convention Bureau, then promoted the city by handing out samples of Rochester-made products such as Kodak cameras, Bausch & Lomb magnifiers, and French's mustard, which had been donated by local industries to prove the city was behind the event. At the APS meeting, the Rochesterians carried signs and banners urging selection of Rochester for the 1968 convention. In fact, the Rochester planners were so vociferous compared to the staid philatelic community that it prompted one APS officer to worry out loud, "Should the APS convention be held where such radicals live?"

The organizers of that first World Series of Philately believed that besides gaining publicity for the exhibition, such a competition would promote interest in philately as well. It would encourage advanced collectors to show their exhibits in national shows. Up to that time, many of the better collections saw the light of day only at international exhibitions. Since these occur only every ten years in this country, great collections put together by Americans were being seen elsewhere in the world, but not often in the United States.

At that time major shows themselves often had difficulty filling available frames. It was expected that the World Series would entice collectors to get their exhibits out of the vaults and fill those vacant frames. The shows whose Grand Award winners would be accepted for the Champion of Champions would gain prestige and be able to promote themselves because of this distinction.

Has this worked? In 1968 only 14 shows were deemed to be national in scope. In 1993 there will be 32 national shows sending grand award winners. Many national shows today are oversubscribed well in advance of their deadlines. It's also interesting to note

the broader range of countries or subjects which win Grand Awards today. In 1968 all but one Grand Award winner had exhibits that related to collecting United States and Canada, or such associated interests as the Confederacy, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island.

Gordon C. Morison, who later became assistant postmaster general, was chairman of APS-68 and conceived the idea of the World Series of Philately. He and his committee first had to persuade the national shows to provide them with the names and addresses of the Grand Award winners. All the selected shows except one, which had not presented a Grand Award, cooperated, although in a few cases it took back and forth correspondence to get the local committees to understand what was being attempted. An entry deadline was set. All winners were mailed engraved invitations to participate.

Of the thirteen invited, one declined to show. Of the other twelve, all but one responded with their entries on time. That one came in three days late, but the efficient Rochester committee had already allotted all the frames available, and had mailed notices of acceptances to all the competitive exhibitors as well as the eleven Grand Award winners who had met the deadline. The twelfth was turned down. Obviously this rejection of an acknowledged leading philatelist created more than a little consternation. The collector himself appealed, and the APS was concerned as well.

In a letter to the APS executive director, the chairman noted, "We had the show all laid out and acceptances on the way. So, no recourse but to turn him down. I guess that's the height of something to turn down an exhibit that reputedly is valued at a quarter of a million! Ah, Rochester!" Later, to assuage all concerned, it was agreed that if any exhibitor withdrew, those frames would be allotted to the late Grand Award entrant.

The exhibition's awards committee recognized that this was THE outstanding competition and it merited an exceptional award, but all the Champions had to be honored, too. Less than 100 miles from Rochester is the Corning Glass Works. The committee settled on a Steuben basket-shaped glass bowl for the Champion of Champions and recognized all others with engraved silver plates. The decision was made that there would be no reserve award for second place. After all, the Rochester collectors reasoned, there can be no runner-up, as they all are Champions.

As the show dates approached, one of the Grand Award winners died, and his exhibit was withdrawn. Those frames - and he had only five - went to the late entrant, whose Grand Award winning exhibit had filled double that number of frames when he qualified. But there were no more frames.

You guessed it. He accepted the limitation of five frames. He showed 19th Century U.S. revenues. And he won the Champion of Champions. Robert Cunliffe of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, thus became the first winner of the World Series of Philately!

With the success of this event, the Rochester Philatelic Association had to decide whether to continue the World Series in future years at its own shows or urge the APS to take the responsibility. Since the Rochester exhibition was not yet an annual event, the organizing committee recommended to club members that philately would be better served by placing this event with an organization that could ensure its continuity. APS agreed and asked organizers of BALPEX-69, site of the next APS annual convention, to send national show organizers in December invitations for their Grand Award winners to take part in the second World Series of Philately.

The series has continued uninterrupted. When collectors gather in Rochester March 26-28, 1993 for ROPEX, they will review the 25 years in which Champion of Champions have been crowned.

ROPEX-93 AWARDS

GRAND AWARD

The BEST EXHIBIT at ROPEX; the winner will receive an invitation to participate in the APS "Champion-of-Champions" competition during its annual convention. A contribution of up to \$75 (10 frames) will be forwarded to the APS in the name of the ROPEX '93 GRAND AWARD winner if the exhibit is entered in the 1993 annual APS "World Series of Philately."

RESERVE GRAND AWARD

The next-to-best exhibit at ROPEX '93.

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS

GOLD, VERMEIL, SILVER, SILVER/BRONZE & BRONZE medals. All exhibitors will receive ribbons and certificates.

GEORGE LeFEBRE AWARD

Best general exhibit by an RPA member.

VIRGINIA GUBLER AWARD

Best thematic (topical) exhibit by an RPA member.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY AWARDS

Pre-1900 period
1900-1940 period
post-1940 period
APS Research Award

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS

GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE medals and ribbons.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS AWARDS

Awards of excellence (2)
AAPE Creativity Award

BUREAU ISSUES ASSOCIATION AWARDS

"Statue of Freedom" medal and certificate.

U.S. CLASSICS SOCIETY MEDAL

POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY AWARDS

Medal and certificate

UNITED POSTAL STATIONERY SOCIETY AWARDS

Marcus White Award
First & Second Place certificates

JUNIOR AWARDS

ROPEX JUNIOR AWARD
ATA JUNIOR GOLD MEDAL AWARD (Best Topical)
JUNIOR PHILATELISTS OF AMERICA
H.E. Harris Medal and ribbon for Best Junior Exhibit.
JOSEPH AGRIS, M.D. AWARD

L.R. MORIARTY AWARD

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(NOTE: Judges may elect not to give certain awards if no entries qualify; other awards not listed may be awarded at the discretion of the judges with the consent of the ROPEX Committee.)

PANEL OF JUDGES

William H. Bauer - Chairman - Chairman of APS Judges' Accreditation Committee, Expert in : US Postal History, Germany, Middle East, Far East and British Oceania

Clyde Jennings - Expert in : US Classic and Traditional, Topicals

John Griffiths - Expert in : Great Britain and Commonwealth, US, Western Europe, Postal History, Topicals

Charles Peterson - Expert in : Postal History, Philatelic Literature

John Lievsay - Expert in : 19th Century Classic US, France and colonies, Postal History and Topicals

All judges are FIP accredited for international judging as well as APS accredited for national judging.

Apprentices

Stephen Suffet

Dr. Louis Call

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Paul Gerwitz - Chairman Elect ROPEX-94

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The committee would like to thank all RPA members who have volunteered time in order to insure a successful show.

EXHIBITS

Frame No. Exhibit Title and Exhibitor Name

COURT OF HONOR CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD SERIES OF PHILATELY

- 2-11 1992 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - The Evolution and Use of Adhesives for Postage Due, 1790-1954
James Gough
- 12-21 1989 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Danish West Indies - 1748 to 1905
Dr. Roger G. Schnell
- 22-31 1985 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Confederate States of America, 1861-1865
John Birkinbine II
- 32-36 1968 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - 18th-19th Century United States Revenues
Robert H. Cunliffe

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

United States

- 37-41 Adirondack Region Postal History - 1799-1945
Stephen Matte
- 42-51 The Ungrilled Banknotes, 1870-1890
Robert P. Meegan
- 52-61 U.S. First Bureau Issues 1894-98
Louise Christian
- 62-68 Ten Cent Issues of 1861
C. W. Christian
- 69-72 Postal History of Northern Massachusetts
Nancy B. Z. & Douglas N. Clark
- 73-82 United States Meter Stamps and Postal History
Douglas A. Kelsey
- 83-90 New Jersey Stampless Covers: Handstamp Marcophily, 1775-1855
Robert G. Rose
- 91-100 Across the Continent
George Kramer
- 101-103 Corning N.Y. Postal History
Alan Parsons
- 104-110 New York Postal History (1900-1910)
William J. Hart
- 111-113 U.S. 2-Cent Definitive 1890-1893 and First Bureau Printing 1894-1898
Bernice R. Watson
- 114-115 Transportation Coils as Seen Through First Day Covers
Raymond Stone

General

- 116-123 Croatian Red Cross Issues
Raymond Stone
- 124-133 Haiti: Revenues
F. Burton Sellers
- 134-143 Iceland Postal Stationery
Gordon C. Morison

- 144-149 The Postal Markings of Dublin, 1818-1916
Anna Liffey
- 150-154 Portugal: Mouchon Head Issue of 1882-89
Louis O'Fylle
- 155-164 Stamp Separation - From 1840 to Modern Times
John M. Hotchner
- 165-168 Timbromanie
Duncan H. Barber
- 169-174 Experimental Rocket Mail 1932-1939
Gerhardt Kaufmann
- 175-178 Letters from Hell: Postal Evidence of the Nazi Holocaust and the Ruination of Europe
Ken Lawrence
- 179-185 Finland; 1918 Vaara-Wasa Temporary Wartime Issue
Roger P. Quinby
- 186-190 The Berlin Freedom Bell Issues
Joan R. Bleakley
- 191 RPA One Frame Winner - Remember The Maine
Bert Kiener

Thematic

- 192-201 Not Quite President of the United States
Paul Schumacher
- 202 From Logs to Liners
Stanley A. Scheer
- 203-205 The Mystery of Sherlock Holmes
L. Kelly Armstrong Jr.
- 206-211 U.S. Transportation Coils from a Thematic Viewpoint
Mary Ann Owens
- 212-218 The World of Insects
Alan J. Hanks
- 219-225 Man Beneath the Sea
Roland Essig
- 226-231 Odyssey of a Castle Lover
Karen Barber
- 232-233 Famous Jews on Stamps
Robert Urdang

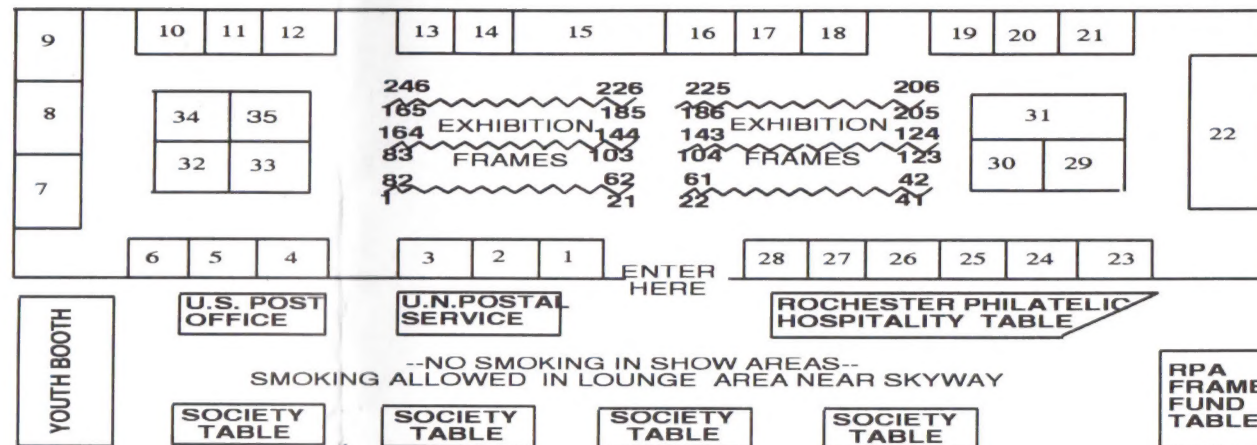
Youth

- 234-237 HRH Diana Princess of Wales
Jodie Donahue (age 17)
- 238 Space Exploration
Amy Harer (age 12)
- 239 "O' Beautiful"
Janelle Marie Hess (age 12)
- 240-241 Names, Faces and Places of Pennsylvania
Timothy M. Socha (age 12)
- 242 Magical World of Disney
Tori Wood (age 11)
- 243-246 Owls
Sarah Murphy (age 13)

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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all in attendance for ROPEX '93 sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association. This year's event is cause for special celebration -- the 25th anniversary of the exhibition and it is the site of the annual spring meeting of the American Philatelic Society.

The Rochester Philatelic Association can take great pride in this "Champion of Champions" exhibitions, one of only 32 nationwide. Stamp collecting is a hobby enjoyed by millions of Americans, encompassing all ages and backgrounds. Clubs or societies of collectors are to be found in most cities, with state, national and international societies tending to bind them together.

I welcome you to this very special display which, I am sure, will increase the number of stamp collectors in the family of New York.

Sincerely,

Mario M. Cuomo



The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.

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Meetings at 8:00 pm every second and fourth
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The purpose of the American Philatelic Society is to assist its members and anyone else in the enjoyment and knowledge they derive from philately, to help broaden their knowledge in the various fields of philately and to help members to acquire and dispose of philatelic materials. The American Philatelic Society also represents the United States internationally in philately.

The national headquarters of the organization is located in State College, Pennsylvania. Its 20,000 square foot headquarters building houses the American Philatelic Research Library as well as the Society's administrative, sales and editorial offices.

The American Philatelic Society publishes *The American Philatelist*, a 100-page monthly journal that is the most widely read stamp magazine in the world and sponsors STaMpsHOW, the largest collector sponsored annual show of philatelic material in the nation.

Other activities of the society include, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State University, a series of philatelic correspondence courses and an annual week-long philatelic seminar at Penn State's main campus.

In addition, the APS administers the American Philatelic Research Library, the largest and most comprehensive public philatelic library in the United States.

For more information about the American Philatelic Society and its member services, write APS, American Philatelic Building, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803.



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are 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Programs start at 8 sharp. We meet
in the church hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the
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Programs consist of guest speakers, slide shows,
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